

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11 line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

a1 --In an alternate embodiment ~~not shown in the Figures represented in Figure 17,~~ the secondary hub member 30 may be structured to include a rigid bolt member 15' which extends axially downward through the pole receiving portion 34 of the central cavity 32. In this embodiment, at least the top end 14 of the pole member 12 comprises a partially hollow interior sufficiently sized to receive the rigid bolt member 15' of the secondary hub member 30. Positioning the downwardly extending rigid bolt member 15' of the secondary hub member 30 into the at least partially hollow interior of the top end 14 of the pole member 12 and the pole receiving portion 34 over the exterior of the top end 14, also provides the capability for the secondary hub member 30 to rotate about the longitudinal axis of the pole member 12.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14 line 3 with the following amended:

a2 --As shown in Figures 1 and 3, the umbrella frame assembly 10 of the present invention preferably also comprises rib members 70, which may be pivotally secured to the hub connector joints 52 of the secondary hub member 30. The rib members 70 form the outer framework of the improved umbrella frame assembly 10 of the present invention. Strut members 80 are pivotally secured at an inner end

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82 to the hub connector joints 52 of the main hub member 18 and are pivotally secured at an outer end 84 to the rib members 70 at a point near the approximate midpoint of the rib members 70. The strut members 80 provide support for the rib members 70 when the umbrella frame assembly 10 is in the extended or open position, thereby collectively providing a means for supporting the umbrella canopy 21. Pivotal attachment of the rib members 70 and the strut members 80 to their respective hub connector joints 52 may be exacted using a single screw 54 extending through the hub connector joint 52 and rib member 70 or strut member 80[[,]]. ~~however~~ However, a machine threaded bolt, a fitted notch or other like joinery that allows the hub connector joints 52 to be easily replaceable may be utilized. The rib members 70 and strut members 80 may be made of a variety of materials such as, by way of example only, aluminum or wood.--
